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APPLICANT: Montano et al.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

**I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION**

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner carefully consider and make of record each of the documents cited herein. Documents AA-AI and BA-BB were made of record in parent application Serial No. 09/995,890, filed November 28, 2001, from which application the present application claims priority.

**II. COPIES**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), Applicant is not required to furnish copies of the documents cited in the parent application, although Applicant will promptly provide copies of any of the cited documents upon the Examiner's request. Submitted herewith are legible copies of Documents AJ-AS and BC.

**III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE**

All of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).

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- a. ☐ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- or
- b. ☐ See the certification below. No fee is required.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that

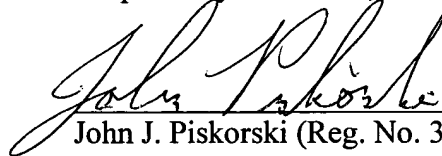
- a. ☐ each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS;  
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- b. ☐ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☐ Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the above indicated fee.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$180.00 for the above-indicated fee. A triplicate copy of this paper is attached.
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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule (with a petition, if necessary) and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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	BA	WO 96/19097 ✓	06/1996	International			
	BB	JP 03-42076	02/1991	Japan			
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